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President's Perspective

by Rob Welch



A Bountiful Month

What a great barbeque picnic we had in October at McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park. The weather was absolutely perfect as was the food, the entertainment and the fellowship.

2 Great Highlights

There were two great highlights to the picnic. The first was the entertainment, Dave Kari, who is a Kenny Rogers impersonator. Dave did a superb job and had us all singing along with him on some of Kenny's favorite songs, as well as a few of Elvis's.

The second highlight, and even better, was that as a result of the picnic and the e-mailings that we sent to national MOAA members living in our area, 11 new members have signed up for our chapter. Eight, along with their spouses, were able to make it to the picnic.

We look forward to having them in our chapter and sharing more meals

and fellowship with them. Please welcome our new members at one of our upcoming business luncheons.

Where Is Rob Going?

Yes, it's true that I am stepping down as chapter president, and that Jim Cullison will be taking over in January, pending the annual election in November.

No, I am not leaving the chapter, and will stay on as the Scholarship Chair and as the Webmaster.

The reason that I have to give up the presidency is because I have been asked to assume an active role in the Unified Arizona Veterans (UAV). As a matter of fact, I was already heavily involved in assisting with the operations of the UAV by helping plan the Arizona

You still have time to save money on 2014 dues if you haven't already renewed.

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Veterans Hall of Fame (AVHOF) induction ceremony, which was conducted October 25.

FYI, UAV was created 30 years ago to collectively promote veterans-related affairs endorsed by a majority of its members, which now number 47 veterans organizations throughout the state, including MOAA.

In addition to operating as a unified voice of state veterans, the UAV created the AVHOF. The UAV, jointly with the AVHOF Society, hosts the annual AVHOF induction ceremony in October and the Patriotic Gala held in February.

Simply put, I cannot do both jobs at the same time in addition to my other responsibilities.

Celebrate November

There are several reasons to celebrate, fly your flag and give thanks in November.

Nov. 10, Marine Corps birthday. Semper Fi.

Nov. 11, Veterans Day. Watch a parade, thank a vet.

Nov. 28, Thanksgiving. Don't eat too much.

Arizona Chapter Calendar

Board of Directors meets at 1030 hours the first Thursday of the month.

Location: National Guard Distance Learning Center, 5636 E. McDowell Rd. Show ID for entry. Members welcome.

Upcoming meetings:

- November 7
- December 5

Member Meetings/ Luncheons are held on the third Saturday of the month, Social Hour at 1100, Luncheon at 1200, at McCormick Ranch Golf Club unless noted otherwise..

Upcoming meetings:

- November 9 (note change)
- December 14 (note change)

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November Program

Holocaust Survivor to Describe His Incredible Survival Story

This is a “don’t miss” program, the opportunity to hear first-hand from one who survived one of history’s most horrific examples of man’s inhumanity to man, the World War II Holocaust.

Dr. Alexander White was just 16 when the Nazis invaded Poland. Of 34 of his extended family members, only he and two cousins survived.



He was saved by being one of “Schindler’s Jews,” an estimated 1,200 Jews freed from the concentration camps by being employed in Oskar Schindler’s factories. This episode became prominent in the movie “Schindler’s List.”

After the war, Dr. White attended medical school, moved to the U.S. and served in the Army Medical Corps. He became associate professor of medicine at the Chicago Medical School and practiced medicine in that city for 40 years. He retired to Scottsdale 15 years ago.

Special Notice: This meeting takes place on November 9, the second Saturday rather than the usual third Saturday of the month. As a result, the reservation deadline comes sooner than usual. So if you want to attend this exceptional event, send your reservation without delay. The reservation form is found on Page 7, and *your reservation must be received by Treasurer Bill Roscher no later than **Tuesday, November 5,*** which is fast approaching.

Coming in December

Fun, Food, Entertainment, Prizes

Put on your party hats and join the spirit of the holiday season for our December 14 luncheon.

Carolers will entertain with seasonal music and the board of directors will provide gifts for our traditional Chinese auction. And McCormick Ranch Golf Club will serve their usual tasty meal. Watch your e-mail and next month’s *Sentinel* for complete information.

Chapter Officer Slate for 2014

The Board of Directors has approved the following slate of chapter officers for 2014.

President, Jim Cullison, Lt Col USAF

1st Vice President, Dave Fleming, Col, USAF

2nd Vice President, Frank Hoak III, CAPT, USN

Secretary, Leonore Hoak, Spouse

Treasurer, Bill Roscher, COL, USA

Past President, John Ady, COL, USA

Directors: Jim Draper, LCDR, USN; Nancy Burt, COL, USA; Rance Farrell, COL, USA; Lee Lange, Col, USMC, Beth Cullison, Spouse.

This slate will be presented to members for a vote at the November 9 members’ luncheon meeting. Nominations also will be accepted from the floor.

The Help Wanted Sign Is Out

An organization is only as good as the support it gets from its members. Here’s your chance to support the Arizona Chapter by volunteering for one of our vacant or soon to be vacant leadership positions. Following are the available openings.

***Sentinel* Editor**

With Jim Cullison stepping up to take over as our chapter president, we are looking for someone to replace him as our *Sentinel* editor. Ed Balaban will be helping out for a couple of months, but will be moving out of state in April. If you are interested in taking over one of the most important jobs in our chapter, contact Jim at editor@azmoaa.org.

Personal Affairs Chair

If you’d rather become our new Personal Affairs Chair, you can also contact Jim at editor@azmoaa.org.

Chaplain

We still have a vacancy for a chaplain to serve our chapter. If you know of anyone who might be interested, please contact Rob Welch at president@azmoaa.org.

Did You Know? According to the Department of Veterans Affairs, there are 531,000 veterans residing in Arizona, including 58,000 females and 473,000 males.

Another Successful Picnic

Fabulous Food, Musical Favorites, New Faces Make the Day Special

*By Dave Fleming
Membership Chairman*

The weather was wonderful, the food was great, the music superb AND we recruited 11 new members into the Arizona Chapter. This first annual meet and greet event was sponsored by USAA and was a definite success.

The focus of the occasion was to introduce local area national MOAA members to our chapter. MOAA sent e-mail invitations to the 310 national members in our area. This relaxed picnic-style family atmosphere was held at McCormick Ranch Railroad Park on October 19.

New chapter members are:

Tom Houser, Capt USAF, and his wife Donna, Cave Creek. (Tom is a former chapter member who moved a few years back and has returned.)

Jeanine Dahl, LTC USA, Scottsdale

Bob Colvert, CAPT USN, and his wife Marilyn, Cave Creek

Paul Himelick, Col USAF, and his wife Pat, New River

Dick Mannes, CW4 USA, and his wife Sylvia, Scottsdale

John Shawl, CAPT USN, and his wife Linda, Paradise Valley

Charlie Bitner, Col USAF, and his fiancée Marcia Leggett, Phoenix

William Hearter, LCDR USPHS, and his wife Kathy, Scottsdale

Ihor Petrenko, LTC USA, Phoenix

William Putnam, RADM USN, and his wife Jan, Anthem

Ed Karr, LTC USA, and his wife Batha, Scottsdale

Many thanks to all those who helped make this a success, especially Arlene Day, who handled arrangements including catering, Bill and JoAnn Roscher, who collected \$141 for the 50/50 raffle, with \$71 going to the scholarship fund, and a special thanks to Lee Lange, who filled in as membership chair for this event and introduced our guests/new members.



Dave Karl kept his audience entertained with familiar ballads and familiar sounds.

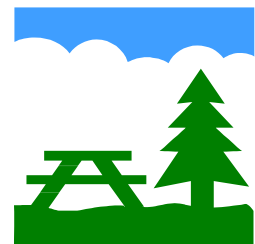


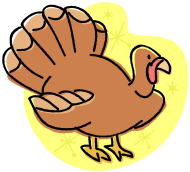
No one went away hungry, as the food was plentiful and hearty. Chapter members Kay and Bud Budzinski, left, are joined by guests Marcia Leggett and Charlie Bitner, right, as they fill their plates.



Bette Green and Doug Gray line up to buy 50/50 raffle tickets from JoAnn and Bill Roscher.

At right, Bill shuffles tickets before the drawing, in which \$70 was awarded to successful ticket holders.





Get In The Spirit Of The Seasons



Support Youths, Take a Tax Deduction

Just a reminder for everyone that it's time to think of tax deductions once again. Please consider a tax deductible donation to our Scholarship Fund. Forward your check to our treasurer:

Bill Roscher
4337 E. Sands Drive
Phoenix, AZ 85050

Toys for Tots at Christmas

Don't forget to bring a new, unwrapped toy to the November luncheon for delivery to the USMC Reserve Center for their *Toys For Tots* program at Christmas. You can brighten up a needy child's life with this simple gesture. The 9-12 year-old age group is the most difficult to accommodate. Stuffed animals are not desired.

Donate Items to MANA House

Chapter members John Ady and Rob Welch together obtained 40 gently used towels from local country clubs and fitness centers. Our new Madison Street Veterans Association (MSVA) liaison, Ron Green, then took them to Phoenix and donated them to the MSVA's MANA house.


MANA stands for Marines, Army, Navy and Air Force. The MANA house is a housing and training facility for homeless veterans wishing to become productive tax-paying citizens again.

You, too, can help out. The next time you visit your dentist, ask for a dozen samples of toothbrushes and toothpaste. They get them for free, so if you tell them what it's for, they should be happy to donate some. When you go to your country club or fitness center, ask if they have any gently used towels. Gained or lost weight? Bring in your gently used clothing that doesn't fit. How about those walking/hiking shoes that you only wore two or three times, and haven't touched in years? Bring them to a chapter meeting.



Hall of Fame Class of 2013

Ted Vogt, Arizona Department of Veterans Services Director, presented plaques and medals to chapter members Gene Rafanelli, left, and Ron Green as they were inducted into the Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame on October 25. Gene retired as a colonel after a 30-year Army career and has been active in JROTC and veterans programs. Ron retired as a lieutenant colonel after a 21-year Air Force career. He has been active in programs benefitting homeless veterans and is a mentor to veterans in college.




TAPS

We recently learned of the passing
of a member's spouse.

Nancy Shaw
March 26, 1924-September 29, 2013
Wife of Park Shaw

*We extend heartfelt condolences to Park
and his family.*



Donations to Chapter Funds

Scholarship Fund

Ron Perkins \$50

Gary Fredricks \$100

Nancy Burt \$50

Arizona Chapter \$50
In Memory of Nancy Shaw



Legislative Update

by Gary Fredricks
National Legislative Chair

More Kicking the Can

As I'm sure you are all aware, Congress managed to finally kick the can down the road once again in mid-October. They passed another "Continuing Resolution" that re-instated funding for national government operations after their gridlock had caused the government to be effectively shut down for a little over two weeks. This "Continuing Resolution" lasts through January 15, 2014, and the legislation also pushed the national debt limit issue out into the February timeframe. Recall that congressional gridlock last year resulted in a series of continuing resolutions that lasted through the end of the last fiscal year on September 30 with Congress never passing any appropriations bills.

Still a Ways to Go

So, where are we now? The just-passed legislation also required bipartisan action from the House and Senate to produce an FY2014 budget by December 13, which just happens to be just before Congress is normally scheduled to start their holiday break that runs into early January. Recall that the two previous year's efforts at this kind of approach have not been successful. Also, in March the House passed an FY2014 budget and the Senate, for the first time in four years, also passed one. However, they were very different from each other and from the President's budget request. Absent significant progress from the new initiative, they remain so today.

Defense Authorization Bill Stalled

In June the House passed its version of an FY2014 Defense Authorization Bill as did the Senate Armed Services Committee. The two have significant differences, and the Senate has still not taken any final action to pass their version of the bill. So, the authorization bill remains in limbo and "sequestration," which would require approximately a \$52 billion dollar FY2014 reduction in the defense appropriations, is still on the record.

The President's FY 2014 budget request,

submitted last April, assumed that sequestration would somehow be dealt with and did not contain the reductions required by the sequestration law. Even with that, it still contained some significant hits to our earned benefits. Some of those were proposals to use a "chained CPI" in lieu of the normal inflation adjustments to military retired pay, means testing (reducing benefits for higher income) for health care benefits, charging an enrollment fee each year for TRICARE for Life and significantly increasing co-pays for pharmacy prescriptions. So, if Congress does manage to get through this financial maze, we may not like what we see.

What About Medicare/TRICARE Payments?

With all this going on in Congress several other issues also need action. One of those is the issue of Medicare/TRICARE payments to doctors. Congress must take action by December 31 to avoid a \$24.4 billion dollar reduction to these payments caused by a law that is generally accepted as being faulty but for which Congress has been unwilling to deal with permanently due to it being a significant unrecognized hit to the debt. For the last several years Congress has managed to kick this can down the road one year at a time and keep doctors interested in treating individuals covered by these programs. Let's hope they find a way to deal with it again.

Free Meals for Veterans on Their Day

As in the past, several restaurants are offering free meals to veterans on Veterans Day. Here's a list of some of the establishments that are participating.

Applebee's, Chili's and Olive Garden, all day November 11.

Golden Corral, 4 to 9 p.m.

Denny's, 6 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Texas Roadhouse and TGI Friday's, lunch.

Krispy Kreme Donuts, free donut and coffee.

Sassi in North Scottsdale, November 10 from 5 to 8 p.m. Reservations are required and go fast. Call 480-502-9095 after 2 p.m.

Bring a military ID or some other form of proof of service and enjoy a meal on the house. You've earned it.



Personal Affairs

by Dan Conway, Personal Affairs Officer

Tips for Preventing Identity Theft

The following article was taken from the Sept 4th MOAA News Exchange. It is repeated here because of its importance, especially for those who travel with their computers and didn't open the News Exchange article.

The Federal Trade Commission says identity theft is the most frequent consumer complaint it receives, with 18 percent of complaints related to it. Seven percent of U.S. households have reported some type of identity theft, with the average financial loss per incident averaging \$4,930, according to Javelin Strategy & Research. On the other hand, a study by Microsoft Research titled "Sex, Lies and Consumer Surveys" concluded that loss estimates from identity theft are greatly exaggerated. The reality is theft of your credit card, bank account, or other financial information can cost you time and money as well as damage your credit rating. Identity theft and other hacking are perpetuated by teenage vandals, small-time crooks, organized crime gangs, terrorist cells and computer geniuses hired by governments.

A statement from Google gives more legitimacy to the concerns. *Consumer Watchdog* had filed a class action lawsuit against Google for scanning keywords in Gmail e-mails so it can send better targeted ads to users. In a motion to dismiss that suit, one of Google's lawyers, citing previous court rulings, indicated that e-mail users should have no expectation of privacy. Savvy users know this isn't limited to Gmail, and they should safeguard their privacy online. Consider these precautions:

- Keep current with operating system and program updates.
- Use firewall and anti-virus software, and keep it current, whether a pay service such as Norton 360 or a free service such as AVG Free combined with your operating system's own firewall.
- Set your browser to block pop-up windows, being especially wary of updating software via a pop-up when you connect to a site.
- Make sure any web page on which you're

doing anything sensitive is HTTPS protected (the web address begins with "https").

- Stick with two-factor authentication when it's available (to log in you have to answer a question or receive a text along with typing a password). With bank, credit card, and other financial sites, opt for long passphrases instead of short passwords.

Computing from the road seems to elicit the most scare stories. There are rogue Wi-Fi access points, compromised Wi-Fi access points, hacked hotel networks, pop-up drive-by attacks, forged SSL certificates, JavaScript attacks, keystroke logging, man-in-the-middle attacks, on and on. It's almost enough to wish we were back using typewriters and the Postal Service.

Part of the security worry out there appears to be theoretical, some of it no doubt fanned by security firms trying to drum up business for themselves by publicizing the latest potential vulnerability in a program or service. Still, it makes sense to be careful.

When on the road, take these precautions:

- Confirm the correct name of any public Wi-Fi network you're supposed to connect to.
- Designate public Wi-Fi connections as public networks to help keep you invisible and prevent file sharing.
- Do online banking, online bill paying, and online shopping only when you have WPA2-protected Wi-Fi rather than the older WPA or WEP standards.
- Consider using a virtual private network (VPN) service, examples including HotSpot Shield and Private Wi-Fi. VPNs supply their own tunnels within the larger Internet that your data travels through. They're advertised as providing the best protection on public Wi-Fi networks, but they aren't always totally secure either.
- Avoid sensitive financial tasks on the road unless you have both WPA2-protected Wi-Fi and VPN.

Please consider me as a resource and don't hesitate to call with your Personal Affairs questions and concerns at 480-368-1427.

Daniel M. Conway

Military Trivia: General George C. Marshall was the first U.S. military officer to wear 5-star rank. He was promoted in 1944, followed by Douglas MacArthur, Dwight Eisenhower, Henry "Hap" Arnold and, in 1950, Omar Bradley. There have been no others since Bradley.

October Picnic Meeting

WHEN: November 9, 2013
11:00 a.m., Meet & Greet Social Hour; 12 Noon, Lunch

WHERE: McCormick Ranch Golf Club
Scottsdale

COST: \$22 Per Person

DRESS: Business Casual

MENU: Tossed salad, bread and butter, roast turkey with sage stuffing and whipped potatoes, seasonal vegetables, pumpkin pie with whipped cream.

Anyone with dietary restrictions/allergies should contact Arlene Day (arlenebday@gmail.com (preferred) one week prior so alternate food selections can be arranged.

PROGRAM: Dr. Alexander White, Holocaust survivor, one of Schindler's Jews and a U.S. Army veteran, will recall his ordeal and survival.

Reservations must be received by 4 p.m. on Tuesday, November 5. Use the reservation form below. Cancellations must be received the same day to receive your money back.

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General Fund: \$ _____

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MEAL / MEETING RESERVATION FORM

Please reserve _____ meals for (Name) _____

Enclosed is my check for \$ _____ (**\$22.00 per person**) for **November 9, 2013**

Make check payable to: **AZ Chapter MOAA** **Received No Later Than November 5, 2013**

Send to: **Bill Roscher, 4337 E. Sands Dr., Phoenix, AZ 85050.** wroscher@cox.net



Arizona Chapter

Annual Membership Renewal



Membership Renewal for 2014 Is Due by December 31, 2013

Dues for Regular Members are \$20.00

Dues for Auxiliary Members are \$10.00

Early Bird Special!

**Pay your dues before January 1, 2014
and receive a 10% discount**

--Regular members pay \$18.00--

--Auxiliary members pay \$9.00--

After January 1, dues will be the standard \$20 and \$10

Save time, save money. Send you dues renewal now.

Fill in the form below and send it with a check made out to:

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Yes! I want to take advantage of the Early Bird Special

Enclosed is my check for \$ _____

My Name Is: _____

Pearl Harbor Day Is Special This Year

Plan to be at Wesley Bolin Plaza at the State Capitol on Pearl Harbor Day, December 7.

That day the state's World War II Memorial will be dedicated with the unveiling of two 16-inch battleship guns, one each from the Arizona and the Missouri. Two chapter Navy veterans will participate in a wreath-laying ceremony at the event. More information next month.

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